

REMARKS

Claims 1- 8, 19-26, 37, 38, 43 and 44 are in the application, with Claims 9-18, 27-36, 39-42, and 45-54 having been cancelled, without prejudice to pursuing such claims in another application. No claims have been added or amended. Claims 1, 7, 19, 25, 37 and 43 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

It is believed that, with the cancellation of claims 9-18, 27-36, 39-42 and 45-54, the rejection under § 112, second paragraph, is now moot. Six independent claims and 20 total claims are now presented.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request consideration on the merits and allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-3460.

Respectfully submitted,

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